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For: FLAME RETARDANT EXPANDABLE )  
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action dated May 12, 2005. A petition for extension of time to extend the period for reply to September 12, 2005 is submitted herewith. Please amend the Application as follows: